

# Introduction

On June 30, 2005 the City of Auburn held a neighborhood meeting with interested property owners, business owners and residents of the Southeast Main Street neighborhood. The purpose of this neighborhood-planning meeting was to identify issues of concern to the neighborhood residents and property owners and to devise strategies for addressing these concerns.

This neighborhood planning effort was intended to implement the City of Auburn's Comprehensive Plan Policy HO-24 that states:

*"The City will work with neighborhood groups to develop neighborhood plans for specific areas of the City. These areas will be determined based upon need, City Council direction, and the availability of staff resources. These plans will address issues and concerns that include, but are not limited to, land use, projected growth/decline, neighborhood identity, safety, education, youth and recreational activities." {HO-24}*

The City of Auburn's Consolidated Plan also includes policies regarding neighborhood planning. It establishes procedures for the selection of target neighborhoods so that federal funds may be used to preserve and revitalize them.

These citywide plans guide a neighborhood planning process whereby property owners, business owners and neighborhood residents were able to identify their concerns and needs. On October 20, 2005 the city met again with the neighborhood to prioritize these concerns and needs.

This document memorializes the issues and concerns raised by the neighborhood and serves as a guide and action plan for the City's approach to address the needs of the neighborhood.

## Adoption of the Plan:

The City Council will be asked to accept the Plan by resolution. It is intended that city agencies will utilize the neighborhood plan as input in developing more specific work programs and helping to establish citywide funding priorities. It is recognized that many of the recommendations contained in the neighborhood plan are conceptual only and may need to be analyzed in greater detail, both individually and in relationship to other recommendations. It should also be emphasized that funding sources may not exist for implementing all of the recommendations identified in the plan.

## Overview of the Plan

This Plan contains four main components:

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE contains a general description of the neighborhood, its history and some of its unique features.

NEIGHBORHOOD STRATEGY identifies issues that are of concern to the residents of the neighborhood along with goals, policies and strategies to address them.

NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PLAN outlines the priority expressed by neighborhood residents and the City's plans to implement specific strategies.

NEIGHBORHOOD MATRIX a quick and convenient way to find a neighborhood strategy along with the priority neighborhood residents assigned to it and the City agency responsible to implement it.

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